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### WEEKEND WEATHER

Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
69	72	68
42	38	39
0%	10%	20%

Source: <http://weather.com>

## NUMBER CRUNCH

# 1,200+

Number of parents that visited GCSU students for Parents' Day 2007.

Source: GCSU Student Affairs

## Living life to the fullest

### The rule Carmen Bass lived by



SPECIAL TO THE COLONNADE

Senior middle grades education major Carmen Bass of McDonough, Ga., died Oct. 27, 2007, in a car accident in Henry County, Ga. Bass who was part of the middle grades cohort 'Ignite' was scheduled to graduate in the spring.

BY WES BROWN  
SENIOR REPORTER

Carmen Bass rocked her hips to the side and let her animated personality take over as she led the Month of the Young Adolescents Writing Contest on Friday, Oct. 26, in the GCSU University Banquet Hall.

This was her time. This was her moment to shine and prove to herself, her fellow classmates and her mentor leader that she could handle a leadership role.

"Carmen was the emcee. It was unlike her to volunteer for such a position, however it just seemed natural for her to do it," said senior classmate Heather Spandau. "Nobody could talk her out of doing it. It was something she had set her mind to and was going to accomplish."

The writing contest was for middle school students (grades 4-8) in the surrounding counties who wrote on the topic "How can I make a Difference." By the end of the contest, Bass had accomplished what she had set out to do. She had succeeded in pronouncing herself as a leader.

"I was proud of the

way she stepped up and took control of the situation," Karynne Kleine, Bass's mentor leader, said. "It was rewarding to see her grow and come into her own. I remember after the program she called her aunt to tell her all about it. She began by saying how well the contest went and then she said, 'and Karynne said it was good to.' She wanted to share with everybody her accomplishment and how much she had grown."

Unfortunately, this would be the last time Bass would share a sense of accomplishment with her classmates, teachers and family. Early Saturday morning Oct. 27, Bass died in an automobile accident in Henry County.

Bass, a senior middle grades education major, had spent a little less than four years at GCSU but made a major impact on her classmates, friends, and students. When asked to describe Bass's personality in one word or less, words such as, unpretentious, easygoing, zestful, vivacious, persuasive and determined were used. These strong words plainly say how much of an influence Bass had on her

peers, teachers and friends.

"She had a devil may care attitude," Kleine said. "She was presently orientated and rolled with the punches. She was up for anything. She did not try to make a particular impression. She was comfortable with who she was and I'll miss that."

Bass, being a middle grades education major, was placed in a cohort called "Ignite." A cohort is a group or company made up of companions and associates to aid learning or growth. The middle grades cohort is a small close-knit group of students that only consists of 13 women.

"Middle education majors come in and stay together for two years with the guidance of one person," Kleine said. "The cohorts are very close. They build around one another and the community to become well balanced teachers."

As a cohort, the girls see each other 30 to 40 hours a week and share six weeks of class time during a semester. They know each other like the back of their hand and

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## Former GCSU athlete runs from the law

BY LEE SANDOW  
SENIOR REPORTER

Shakita Martin, a former student at GCSU and member of the Lady Bobcats basketball team, remains on the run after escaping University Public Safety and City Police last Thursday.

Martin, who was to be arrested for violation of her parole in Columbia County, escaped Police by leaving out of her window while officers allowed her to pack clothing and personal belongings from her apartment at The Village at West Campus.

"As soon as the officer (who escorted her to her room) realized she was gone we conducted a search of the area and the parking lot," said Public Safety Detective Robert Butler. "We set up a perimeter, checked all cars going in or out, especially ones going out."

The perimeter was kept active for several hours until it was clear Martin was no longer on the scene. The Milledgeville Police Department was also called for assistance.

Martin was first arrested after a basketball practice at The Centennial Center. She was escorted by officers to her apartment at West Campus, but, once she went into her room, she made her getaway.

Martin was ordered to turn herself in to Columbia County no later than 9 a.m. on Monday. Officer English had been in contact with her over the telephone urging her to turn herself in to authorities. Martin did not turn herself in by the deadline, and remains on the run.

Martin was arrested three years ago in Columbia County on felony charges of theft, including credit card fraud and forgery. Since her escape, she has been charged by GCSU Public Safety with misdemeanor obstruction of an officer and felony escape.

She has also had her admission at GCSU rescinded. According to Bruce Harshbarger, vice



Martin

president for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, anyone falsifying their criminal background on their applications will have their admission revoked.

"(Martin) was not expelled, her admission was rescinded," Harshbarger said. "There's no judicial action. Her admission was based on erroneous information. It's asked on the application whether you've ever been arrested, she informed us she had not. If you falsify your application, it cancels your enrollment."

Students with felonies on their records can still apply, and are still eligible for admission to GCSU.

"There is a committee composed of myself, Mike Augustine (director of admissions), someone from Public Safety and others who decide on a case-by-case basis (whether convicted felons can enroll)," Harshbarger said. "We discuss circumstances, like severity and how long ago it occurred."

Once the committee decides, the application may or may not be placed for consideration.

"Sometimes the decision is not to consider applications," Harshbarger said. "Other times we decide to consider them on certain conditions. It is certainly possible for a felon to attend."

Police are still looking for Martin, whose whereabouts are currently unknown. Anyone with information on Martin's whereabouts should contact Public Safety at 478-445-4400.

## GCSU adopts cell phone alert system to aid safety

BY ANA MARIA LUGO  
SENIOR REPORTER

GCSU is going high-tech and trendy when it comes to student and faculty safety in campus. A new program, Connect-Ed for Safety, was recently launched to GCSU students, faculty and staff here in Milledgeville as well as the Macon campus.

Connect-Ed will use text messaging to reach massive numbers of the GCSU community in case of emergencies. This will be added to other emergency notification systems around campus such as e-mail and alarms among others. Students can register for the service through PAWS and staff and faculty can register from the employee self-service website.

Bryan Jackson, director of university communications, oversees the Connect-Ed program.

"It's been a program that we've been planning for a while now," Jackson said. "We are positive that this will help with communication and improve the safety of students tremendously."

Students can rest at ease because not only will they get immediate contact in case of emergencies, but the text messaging will also be used sparingly.

"We will only text message students in case of emergencies," Jackson said. "Students can rest assure that we will not be sending them announcements unless it is absolutely necessary."

Such emergencies will include events

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DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GCSU students join the new cell phone alert system called, 'Connect-Ed' online through PAWS. The system will send text messages to students in case of campus emergencies.



# Professor wins national grant for coastal study

BY S. ASHLEE MOONETHAN  
STAFF REPORTER

Dr. Dave Bachoon and his team of researchers have recently been chosen to receive a prestigious and highly competitive grant in March 2008 for approximately \$152,552 to fund the continuation of research on coastal pollution.

The Sea Grant College Program is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and periodically awards grants to researchers and scientists in several coastal-barring states, also including Puerto Rico and Guam.

This grant program is highly competitive in the state of Georgia with Bachoon and GCSU up against such big-name research universities as University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.

The NOAA Sea Grant is typically used to "explore pressing issues related to the health and sustained well-being of our coasts and coastal economies," according to its website. Bachoon's research fits perfectly into this theme of priority. His research involves the source detection of fecal pollution in coastal waters. Such pollution has been known to kill coral reefs and destroy marine environments.

In 2004, Bachoon, who is the principle investigator, and his team received a similar grant that was used to fund research that helped develop a new method for detecting fecal pollution

## Grant Information

### What:

The Sea Grant College Program and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

### Who:

Dave Bachoon

### How Much:

\$152,552

### When:

March 2008

### Why:

Aid the exploration of pressing issues related to the health and sustained well-being of coasts and coastal economies.

from human biological waste in coastal areas and other waterways. The method that they developed, with the help of the grant, has been used in many ways including being used to detect fecal pollution in flood zones and waterways that were devastated by hurricane Katrina.

According to Bachoon, previously existing methods for detecting fecal pollution are time consuming and long, but, through much research and hard work, he and his team have developed a much quicker method that he believes is just as accurate. His method is a molecular and DNA based technique.

The most recent grant will be used to fund a project that is intended to prove and establish his new method of detection that

was developed using the previous grant. They want to prove that their method is accurate and reliable. The new research is simply an extension of that which began back in 2004. He hopes to "use the results to help fix the problem and to help apply for additional funding."

Bachoon and his team plan to take water samples from nearby locations of the coast of Georgia, as well as locations near Trinidad, and the Caribbean.

By studying the water samples and using their new method of fecal pollution detection, he and his team hope to find the source of pollution at those chosen locations.

Bachoon says that possible sources could be poor or damaged sewage systems, or runoff from coastal urban sites. If a source can be determined, action can be taken to prevent such pollution and could help conserve marine wildlife such as coral reefs.

The funding from this grant will last for two years, ending in 2010. During that time, Bachoon wants to include students in his research, allowing them to travel to the various testing sites.

GCSU is also partnering with the University of Puerto Rico and the University of the West Indies. Bachoon is excited about the possibilities for conservation efforts in the future and believes that this research "has a chance to lead to bigger things."

## Bass

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relied on one another for advice and support, especially Bass.

Known as "Crazy Carmen" to the cohort "Ignite," Bass kept her peers on their toes with her humor and lively charisma.

"She was never stressed. She always got her work done and knew how to make everything you were doing fun," senior classmate Maggie Brady said. "I met her on the first day of the cohort and we had to give each other nicknames. Her name was Crazy Carmen. She looked at me and said, 'You'll find out real soon.'"

Bass was not lying. Her craziness soon transpired into daily laughs among her classmates.

"She made all of us laugh because she wanted everyone laughing with her," senior classmate Sarah Oelke said.

But most of all it was her energy and her confidence that made her the backbone of the cohort.

"The best thing about Carmen was that she always had mounds of energy," senior classmate Mallori Harden said. "She was the one that brought the cohort together and kept us focused and loose."

Moreover Bass was not afraid to express herself.

"She was never afraid to take a stand and voice her opinion," Spandau said. "She had a lively spirit that would fill the room wherever she went."

Bass, mostly characterized by her vivid personality and humor, was also known as a diligent student who was always on time in getting her work done.

"It was incredible of how much of a hard worker she was," Harden said. "She always somehow got all her work done and that can be a hard thing being a student and part time teacher."

All cohort students are required to go through placement where they are placed with a local school and undergo actual teaching experience as a part time job. Carmen was placed in a seventh grade class at Putnam County Middle School and was loved by her students.

"She gave all her of students nicknames," Brady said. "Her students always said that she made learning so fun."

Bass always challenged her students to think outside the box and make their work stand out.



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Bass, pictured above, was the emcee at the Month of the Young Adolescents Writing Contest on Friday, Oct. 26, in the GCSU University Banquet Hall the night before she was involved in a car accident.

## In memory of Carmen Bass 1986-2007

By Putnam County Middle School  
Seventh grade students

Why did you have to go and die?  
I don't want to have to say goodbye.

God must have thought you were special to take you away.

But couldn't he have waited for another day?

God's looking after you now,  
High, high up in the sky.

Up there where all the angels lie.

You wouldn't have wanted me to make a fuss,  
After all, you're still down here with all of us.  
Just because I can't see you, doesn't mean you're not here.

I know you are somewhere very, very near.

I love you so much but it's time to say:

Goodbye to our teacher

Because your life here on earth has come to an end.

Rest in peace, Ms. Bass.

"She would tell her kids to make it 'flashy' and they would look at her confused," Oelke said. "She would say, 'You know, make it flashy.'"

Bass always brought laughter into the classroom leaving room for some great stories.

"She wasn't the best speller. One time during her class they discussed tragedies and she wrote 'tragedies' on the board," Oelke said. "One boy raised his hand and said don't you spell tragedy, t-r-a-g-e-d-y?"

But more importantly outside of the classroom Bass was a people person and impacted an unimaginable amount of lives. When friends and classmates were asked if she was a people person, the words, "Oh Yeah! She could never be by herself," came from everyone's mouth. Her roommates, seniors Melanie and Ashley Webb, testified greatly to this statement.

"She had no regrets; she never held back," Ashley Webb said. "She may have had a short life

but she did everything. She could never be alone. She would fall asleep with the phone next to her ear.

Melanie echoed her sister's words.

"She never met a stranger," Webb said. "She knew everyone and they knew her. There were so many different parts to her. She touched so many people. She stopped traffic at her funeral."

Bass's impact on the community was obvious at her funeral as traffic was backed up into the streets in front of the McDonough Presbyterian Church on Oct. 31. Besides parking, seats were also overflowing at the funeral as people were found standing in the entryway of the church.

"Everyone had a special place in there heart for Carmey," Oelke said.

In recognition of Bass, GCSU and her family are starting a scholarship fund for aspiring middle school teachers. The speculations are undetermined at the moment but donations are being accepted at GCSU Campus Box 096.

## READ: [reed], verb.

1. To look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, Etc.)

2. to render in speech

3. to have such knowledge of a language as to be able to understand it.

4. To acquire knowledge from the written text.

5. to apprehend the meaning of

6. to adopt or give as a reading in a particular passage

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# Clouds conspire to stop Astronomy Club from observing Comet Holmes

BY CHELSEA THOMAS  
STAFF REPORTER

Although a cloudy night sky persisted, the faithful members of the Astronomy Club stuck around for the observance of Comet Holmes Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007. Comet Holmes, like many other comets, is a ball made up of frozen matter. Circling back past us every seven years, this time around, Comet Holmes has amazed astronomers.

Shockingly, on Oct. 24, 2007, Comet Holmes brightened dramatically up to one million times its original brightness. Completely unpredicted, this astonishing change caused Comet Holmes to be visible to the naked eye if people knew which direction to look.

Excited about this new astronomical surprise, the GCSU Astronomy Club organized the Comet Holmes Observing open to all students in front of the Arts and Sciences Building.

Donovan Domingue, the professor responsible for heading up the Astronomy Club after an interested group of students approached him in 2004, attended the Comet Holmes observance.

"Tuesday's weather was cloudy and we were only able to see the comet for a few minutes when clouds thinned out," Domingue



DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
GCSU professor Donovan Domingue adjusts the telescope pointed towards the sky during Holmes Comet observing on Tuesday Oct. 30. A group of students gathered in front of A&S to catch a glimpse of the comet.

said.

However, that did not stop members from trying. For over an hour, advisers, professors and students waited for the sky to clear.

When the sky began to clear, some were able to locate Comet Holmes.

Pavielle Ludlow, a senior at GCSU awaiting graduation, says, "We had a little bit of a hard time seeing the comet with the cloud cover, but we did get to see

it briefly, which was wonderful. It is such a wonderful thing to be able to witness an event such as this, it's really rather amazing."

One trait that makes the Comet Holmes so particular to astronomers is the fact that it does not have a tail like other comets.

Domingue says, "Don't expect a bright tail as you might imagine a comet should have. Holmes will not move in much closer to the Sun and therefore no

tail is expected."

With no tail, it looks more like a star. This fascinates the astronomers at GCSU.

Comet Holmes, located in the Northeast in the constellation Perseus, was a beautiful experience for those who saw it. Alex Smith, a junior involved in the science department, says, "I enjoyed the observation of Comet Holmes because it's rare that you get to see an astronomical phenomenon with the naked eye. Plus, I learned a lot about the Comet Holmes and other comets from the professors there."

Overall, the Comet Holmes observance went well. Although difficult to see, many expressed their interest in astronomy. In the past the Astronomy Club has come together to view planet Mars or other specific constellations in the night sky. Anyone is welcome to join the group. Domingue says, "We try to give members of the University community access to exciting events like the currently visible Comet Holmes." After all, some astronomical events will only happen once in our life time.

After being involved with the Astronomy Club for a few years, Ludlow says, "I find it very humbling to see just how small we really are."

## Connect-Ed

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such as severe weather and worst-case scenarios much like the shootings in Virginia Tech this past spring and campus closings.

Student Government Association helped in raising awareness about the Connect-Ed program by setting up information tables in campus. They showed students how easy it is to be part of the program and physically registered them.

"It takes literally less than a minute when going through the PAWS system," Marcus Greene, SGA treasurer, said. "It's such a great program for our school to offer and this reflects how important this is for the advancement for student safety. It's important that the students take advantage of this program because it can create such a positive impact."

Students who registered agree that Connect-Ed is a huge leap towards improving safety.

"I'm not really worried about the school having such an easy access to my cell phone number because I think it's going to improve communication in our school and make it efficient," Natalie Vinson, a senior dual marketing and management major, said. "This helps me feel safe and less worried should something happen."

A text message will be sent on or around Nov. 12 wherein students who sign up will be asked if

they want to continue with the service. Anyone can opt-in or opt-out of the service at any time.

However, the service isn't free. Standard text messaging fees apply as per policy of the user's cell phone provider. Students and GCSU members who do not have a cell phone or can't receive text messaging will still be informed of campus emergencies through e-mail, and other safety precautions that are currently being explored by the school.

"We are taking every measure to insure that everyone in this campus is informed," Jackson said. "We are looking at various options such as public address and emergency boxes. But at this time we feel that text messaging offers contact and reaches the most people in the least amount of time."

Matt Anderson, a senior psychology major, is hoping students sign-up and take advantage of the opportunity.

"It's really easy to sign-up, and honestly, a few cents that it will cost, means nothing if it means our safety," Anderson said. "I most certainly hope the school doesn't use it often, but, when it comes to safety, I guess it's good we're preparing for the worst."

Students, faculty and staff who are also intend to change numbers must update to the website.

Students, staff and faculty who have yet to sign up can still do so online. For more information about Connect-Ed, visit [www.gcsu.edu/alert](http://www.gcsu.edu/alert).

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Supporters of Ron Paul gathered on campus with signs and banners to help further his campaign. Paul relies strongly on word of mouth and support like this to support his campaign.

## Students show support for Ron Paul on campus

BY CHRISTIN IVEY  
STAFF REPORTER

Shouts for 2008 presidential hopeful Ron Paul rang out on the GCSU Front Campus last Monday night as over 20 GCSU students, faculty and members of the Milledgeville and Macon community assembled for a 'Ron Paul Rally.'

Ben Faulkner, senior political science major, came up with the idea of a local demonstration for the conservative candidate and posted flyers around campus in hopes that people would come out and show their support.

"I'm pleasantly surprised at the turnout," Faulkner said. "I'm doing what I can to get (Ron Paul) the Republican nomination."

According to Youtube, Congressman Ron Paul has the most subscribers among all other candidates and has

won all Republican debates so far according to CNN, ABC news and MSNBC news polls. Paul's grass-root support base, called "Meet Up" even has a chapter here in Milledgeville.

Jim McKnight heads up Ron Paul's Milledgeville chapter, which handed out over 3,000 Ron Paul pamphlets during the Sweetwater Festival and had over 44 people sign up in support of Paul.

Chase Ogletree, GCSU graduate student, came out to the rally because he thinks Ron Paul is the best Republican candidate.

"(Paul) won't tell you what you want to hear but what you need to hear," Ogletree said.

Jeff Barker, sophomore Biology major supports Ron Paul because of his economic and environmental policies, as well as his view of the War in Iraq.

"(Paul) believes that preemptive war is a mistake and totally un-American," Barker said.

The 20 or so Ron Paul supporters shouted chants of "Who supports the Constitution? RON PAUL!" at onlookers in hopes of bringing awareness and interest to GCSU student voters and members of the community.

"I think it's very important to engage in political debate and if you believe in a candidate strongly enough, you should get involved and do your part," said Faulkner.

To show your support or learn more about presidential hopeful Congressman Ron Paul, check out [www.RonPaul2008.com](http://www.RonPaul2008.com) or add him as a friend on Myspace at [www.myspace.com/ron-paul2008](http://www.myspace.com/ron-paul2008).

## Students feel closer to professors at GCSU

BY JAMIE FLEMING  
SENIOR REPORTER

As a liberal arts university, GCSU approaches student and faculty relationships in a different way than some bigger universities. According to the GCSU little fact book, the student to faculty ratio is 17:1.

On the Office of the President web page, President Dorothy Leland said students won't get lost in the crowd here; classes are small enough to allow for plenty of faculty and student interaction.

Dr. Beauty Bragg, assistant professor of English, thinks personal connections can be a good thing. She said she has a personalized professional relationship with her students.

"I do like to kind of hear some parts of our non-academic interests and experiences that don't always directly have to do with school or the classroom," Bragg said. "I do try to stay in my role as a mentor and a model."

She said that she thinks some personal experiences are relevant, so she only shares the things that have a purpose. She also thinks relationships with her students are influenced by her living in Milledgeville, is on campus a good deal and can be seen outside of campus.

"(It seems that) because I'm around a lot and the town is so small, it does kind of humanize (me)," Bragg said.

It is especially important for professors at GCSU to have a more personalized relationship with students because that is one aspect of a liberal arts college.

"The professors role is to really provide a level of mentoring and interaction, informal kinds of interaction that aren't necessarily the norm at bigger, research universities," Bragg said. "It's important because it's part of how we help to develop people or how we can contribute to their development."

She also finds it significant because of her own experiences with professors as an undergraduate student. She said those types of relationships can have a lot of impact. One person that influenced her was a teacher's assistant whom she befriended.

*"If you have a good relationship (with your professors), they are simply more likely to go out on a limb for you, and it is always good to have someone in your fighting corner when you are stepping into the real world after college."*

- Ajayi Monell,  
GCSU senior

"I spent a lot of time talking to her," Bragg said. "She was actually somebody who was instrumental in my thinking about going to graduate school and getting my Ph.D. in English."

Bragg had another professor with whom she didn't spend a lot of time outside of class, but still was significant in her decision-making about life.

"(It was just) the way she responded to me in my papers and classroom discussions," Bragg said. "She was just really respectful and took me seriously and that was really instrumental in making me think more about moving into (my) profession."

Dr. James Winchester, interim director of the Honors & Scholars Program, commutes from Atlanta three days a week to teach at GCSU. However, he has 10 office hours each week for his students.

"I want to make sure I'm available," Winchester said.

However, he does think there is an advantage to living in Atlanta and traveling here.

"I have been a conduit to key people visiting GCSU," he said. "(It) helps GCSU; (I) don't

want (students) to be isolated from the rest of the world. Students use me to connect (to jobs and internships) in Atlanta, and I have recruited students from Atlanta."

Senior mass communication major Ajayi Monell thinks it is important to have a good relationship with professors while in college.

"These are the people who help guide you through college and can help you get that job you love so much after you graduate," Monell said. "If you have a good relationship, they are simply more likely to go out on a limb for you and it is always good to have someone in your fighting corner when you are stepping into the real world after college. Our professors really just want the best for us anyway."

Krystal Parker, a freshman, said the relationship she has with her professors is not what she expected.

"I thought my professors would know me more than they do," Parker said.

She said she would like to build the relationships, though.

"I would have liked to develop a relationship so that my professors know what I like to do, the volunteer work that I have done and other characteristics," Parker said. "That way, when I need a recommendation letter, they can write a good one"

She said the reason she thinks she doesn't have a more personalized relationship is because she is currently undeclared.

"Maybe if I had a major, I would put forth an effort to talk to my professors outside of class."

Monell said he has close relationships with many of his professors and those associations also help him in and out of the classroom.

"I work towards getting to know my professors outside the class and helping them get to know me better also," Monell said. "When we see each other outside of the classroom, we hold a conversation that may have nothing to do with class. I feel that it is great that I have been able to get to know some of my professors on a closer level because it helps me enjoy the classes more."

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# Downtown, campus packed with 1,200 parents

BY ALI DUCKWORTH  
STAFF REPORTER

On Saturday Nov. 3, GCSU hosted its fifth annual Parents Day. A tradition that began in 2003, the event has continued to grow over the past five years, this year attracting more than 1,200 parents.

Initially coinciding with Fall Fest, GCSU and the city of Milledgeville have worked collaboratively in an effort to conjoin the city's annual Sweetwater Festival with Parents Day.

This year Parents Day was expanded to include all parents, and offered a variety of open houses, tours and family workshops.

Each college offered an open house, which allowed parents and students to meet with faculty from each department.

Tours of local attractions such as the Natural History Museum, Blackbridge Gallery, the Old Governor's Mansion, the GCSU Museum, and the Library & Instructional Technology Center were also offered.

Family workshops featuring information on Financial Aid, Study Abroad and the new Connect-ED system were just three of the eleven workshops in which parents and their student could choose to participate in.

This year's Parents Day registration fee was \$20, a 100 percent increase from Parents Day 2003. The registration fee covered visi-



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Freshman Andy Gurbal (yellow) and his mom Jackie Gurbal (pink) decide what to do at the Sweetwater Festival in Downtown Milledgeville last weekend. This year's Parents Day was the fifth one in GCSU history.

tor's lunch ticket's valued at \$6, which could be use in the dining hall, Chik-Fil-A or at any downtown restaurant.

"Now with the number of people going through Parents Day is over 1,000 you can't seat them at lunch in the dining hall, so expanded options to spread the crowd out a little bit," Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Dr. Bruce Harshbarger said.

Sweetwater Festival tickets are covered, valued at \$5, as well as refreshments and catering available at check-in and throughout the day.

"Each family gets a tote

bag with all the materials for the weekend in it, and a few minor giveaways. Most of the rest of the cost is printing, for instance the brochure," Harshbarger said.

With most activities ending around mid-afternoon, families were encouraged to walk downtown to the Sweetwater Festival to enjoy the crafts, food and music associated with the event.

"If you plan afternoon activities as part of Parents Day, you are competing somewhat with Sweetwater; and, if the weather is what it was this past weekend, it's hard to get people to come in doors



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GCSU has combined forces with the Sweetwater Festival to add new life to the annual Parents Day to leave visiting parents and students exhausted by the end of the day.

for some program that you are putting on when there are bands downtown," Harshbarger said.

While the Sweetwater Festival sharply contrasts the average Milledgeville weekend, Harshbarger still believes that parents understand that what they see on Parents Day is not the Milledgeville norm.

"I think parents are here on other weekends too, so I think they have a pretty accurate perception of the school," Harshbarger said.

"When Sweetwater started, Parents Day was just growing as well, and they both needed attractions to make people realize they were going on; get people there, so it was kind of a win-win for both of them."

Harshbarger may be correct as many parents and students enjoyed both Parents Day and the Sweetwater Festival.

Ellen Adolph, whose son, Tyler Adolph, is a freshman at GCSU, enjoyed spending the after-

noon with her family.

"(There are) lots of fun things to do. The parent and student seminars were really helpful. This was really fun" Adolph said.

Chelsea Thomas' mother, Kathy McFarland, also enjoyed her day, dining at Kuro Shima for lunch, and stopping at Scoops for a snack.

"It was a beautiful day. We really enjoyed being with Chelsea, and just hanging out with her," McFarland said.

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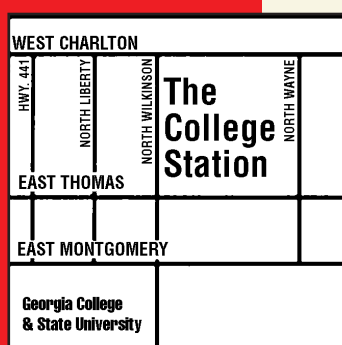
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# Opinion

The Colonnade's Forum for Public Debate

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Editor in Chief, Lee Sandow

## OUR VOICE

*In our midst*

A GCSU athlete was arrested last Thursday because she broke her probation for a former felony conviction (see the story on the front page). She then managed to elude police and escape the premises, and has still not been found.

That's not what this "Voice" is about.

A convicted felon was on our campus entirely unreported. She was able to do this because she lied on her application, in the box that asked "have you ever been accused of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation?" She must've checked "No."

The University admitted her without a second thought, without running any sort of background check at all. Then again, why would they need to? I mean, we're supposed to be honest on these forms, but at the same time, we're supposed to put our very best foot forward to try to charm the University into admitting us into their ranks.

Heck, we'd lie too in order to attend. Especially if we knew the policy on background checks was apparently so slack.

So we had one felon on campus. Her offenses included theft by credit card fraud and forgery, which while illegal are not as dangerous as other felonies, such as arson or murder.

But what if an arsonist or a murderer were able to slip through the cracks in this same way and work their way into GCSU?

Perhaps this is a bad example. Anyone who committed crimes of this magnitude would likely still be in jail, not on probation as our athlete was. But the principle is the same: is there a good system for ensuring the safety of those who enroll in the University?

According the Department of Student Affairs, anyone who does admit to a crime on their application will have their cases reviewed by a committee, who will then decide who will and will not be considered for acceptance. This is a good system for situations like these, but no committee stands in the way of someone who lied on their application.

So what is the school to do? A background check on every applicant would be incredibly time consuming and expensive, and so few applicants would be caught that it would be a terribly inefficient use of time and money.

Even running the name of every applicant through a Georgia or national felon database would be ridiculously time consuming and might not turn up results because of glitches in the system.

The Red and Black at UGA exposed a convicted sex offender last year. How did their testing process not catch him? His name was spelled incorrectly on the Georgia database, so he was not filtered out of the applications process.

Tiny little mistakes can add up, to create potentially disastrous results.

Fortunately, the situation up there was resolved and the student had committed no crimes while he attended, and here at GCSU our student's former crimes were not violent. But what if one does manage to attend? Is there any way to prevent this from happening?

We at The Colonnade don't have a good answer for this question. The only thing the school can do at this time is to simply trust applicants to be honest, and hope that anyone who does lie will not continue to commit crime once they arrive.

It's not a great solution, but what else is there to do?

Oh, and we'd like to wish Public Safety good luck finding our missing athlete.

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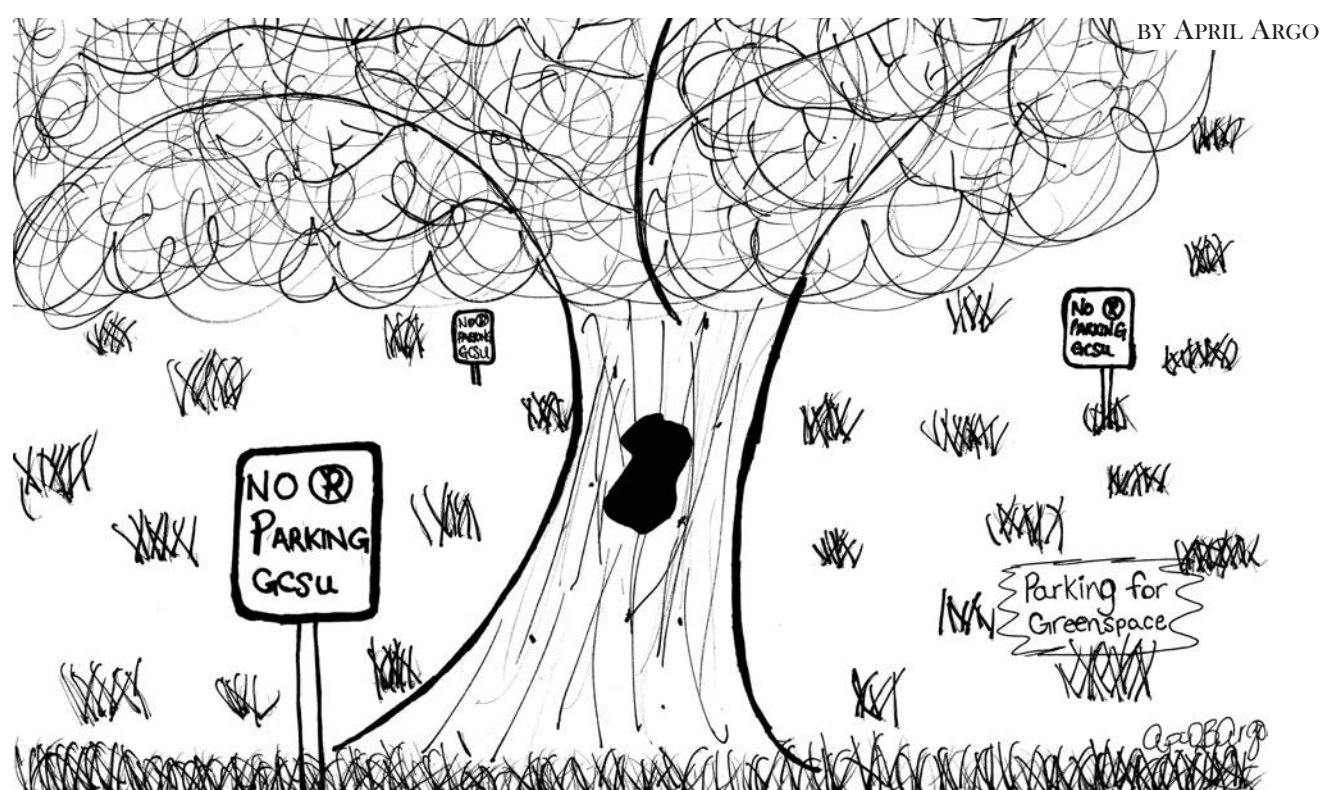
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BY J. MATTHEW



A possible reason for violence in schools.

## Ron Paul will upset the status quo



BY ANDREW ADAMS  
COLUMNIST

America is at a crossroad in the 2008 Presidential election. This election will determine if we continue down the course of reckless nation-building or return to our founding principles of non-interventionism and peaceful diplomacy. Effectually, this election, particularly the Republican Primary, is a choice between the status quo and Ron Paul.

You may never have heard of Ron Paul, or may only know him from a bumper sticker or political sign. But I guarantee that you already know exactly what he stands for. Recall your high school civics class and learning about the Constitution: you were taught Ron Paul's views on government in school.

Since 1964, Republicans have pranced around claiming to be the party of the Constitution, but have lately done nothing more than expand the role of federal government both in size and in involvement in our life. The monster that the Republican Party has become is the exact opposite of what conservative icons Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan envisioned. President Bush was elected to the presidency in 2000 on the promises that he would cut government size and wouldn't partake in nation-building. Seven years later, George Bush has ex-

panded government more than any other President in history and we now have the government wire-tapping American's telephones without warrant. As a Bush supporter in two elections, I now realize the need for a President to roll back this excessive government authority.

I examine the Democratic field to see if there is anyone worth supporting. Hillary Clinton is an obvious opportunist and will likely desire even more Presidential powers. Additionally, she voted to give the President power to invade Iraq and voted for the Patriot Act. Barack Obama and John Edwards are both borderline socialist and will likely expand the federal government as much or more than President Bush. The majority of other Democrats are at least economically liberal while also being for increased spending on domestic programs.

On the Republican side, every candidate is trying to copy President Bush both in foreign and domestic policy. That is, every candidate except Ron Paul. Congressman Ron Paul is from Texas. He served admirably in Vietnam as a flight surgeon. After receiving his medical degree from Duke University, Dr. Paul became an obstetrician which he still practices part-time and has delivered more than 4,000 babies. During the 1970s he first ran for Congress in response to Richard Nixon's poor monetary policy.

Ron Paul has since served over two decades in Congress with the pristine record of never having voted to raise taxes, never voted for an unbalanced budget, never voted for a congressional pay raise, and never voted to increase the

power of the executive branch. While every single presidential candidate runs on a record of what they've voted for and supported, Ron Paul runs on the record that he hasn't voted for what has become the erosion of our civil liberties and the decline of our Republic. In fact, he is comically referred to as "Dr. No" in reference to the 1960s James Bond character. One time, there was a vote in Congress for a very popular measure but Congressman Paul felt that it was based on poor principle. So, during the vote, he talked the two congressmen next into voting against the bill. The bill passed 432-3, but there's nothing wrong with taking a stand for what you believe in.

And standing up for what he believes has been Ron Paul's entire career. Ron Paul has made a successful career without taking a single dime from corporate America. He doesn't want to feel indebted to corporations like other Republicans and Democrats have become. He doesn't take part in the Congressional pension plan because he doesn't think he deserves hard-working taxpayers' dollars in his retirement. Every year he sends money not used by his congressional office back to the U.S. Treasury.

But the most amazing thing about Ron Paul is that he was a virtually unknown congressman from a rural Texas town when he declared his candidacy on March 12, 2007. Currently this septuagenarian is the most watched Presidential candidate on YouTube. In fact, he is in the top 40 of most subscribers on YouTube period. He has more meet-up groups than all other Presidential candi-

dates combined, and, on Eventful, he is the most sought after Presidential candidate. Milledgeville even has a meetup group for him. He has won the majority of online polls after the GOP debates and straw polls and has even raised more funds than John McCain in the last quarter. In fact, on Monday, Nov. 5, Ron Paul raised over \$4 million from more than 38,000 donors: the most a Republican has ever made in one day during the Presidential primaries.

While Ron Paul doesn't have the polling numbers of Rudy Giuliani or Mitt Romney, Ron Paul has empowered supporters. Some news outlets are even predicting that Ron Paul will out raise all other Republicans in funding this quarter. With his pro-constitution and limited government views Ron Paul is attracting conservatives and liberals alike. The nomination of any other Republican to face any Democrat in the presidential election will further divide the nation with typical partisan politics. But Ron Paul has the ability to unite America with his freedom loving message.

The choice is ours in 2008, we can vote for any other Republican or Democrat, and while they vary slightly, will just be a continuation of the status quo. Or we can take to the polls on Feb. 5, 2008 and vote in the Republican Primary for the one candidate that will actually restore the foundations of our Republic. Let's elect Ron Paul in 2008 so that, in the future, we can experience the liberties of the past.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Time to shut down smoking

Dear Editor,

Being an international student from India, I was surprised to see number of students smoking on campus and how it is being treated as a "normal" thing amongst the students. I strongly feel if the GCSU cannot put a complete ban on on-campus smoking then at least a message can be sent around to students (even faculty) that should

discourage smoking. A message like "Though smoking is not prohibited but students and teachers should avoid smoking on campus," this would at least give the smokers something to think about. Needless to mention that it is beneficial both to smokers and non-smokers for the obvious health benefits of not smoking. So much has been written and researched about the possi-

ble injurious effects of smoking that it would be waste of time to repeat them again since every smoker knows he is inching towards cancer, asthma, heart complications, and bronchitis to name a few. Sincerely,

Aman Khanna  
grad student  
accounting

## CORRECTIONS &amp; CLARIFICATIONS

• In the previous issue, the article "Registrar adjusts rules for priority registration" contained several errors. The article stated there was a preexisting policy when it came to priority registration. This policy was created by University Senate, not the Registrar or the Registrar's Office, last February. Prior to that, no policy existed. The supporting documents on the University Senate Motion Database note that there was a "practice and procedure" but no clear "policy." Additionally, the article misstated which groups get priority registration. Those listed were some of the groups that received priority registration in the past. Only student athletes were given priority registration under the new policy. Current honors students were grandfathered into the priority registration group to fulfill a commitment made to them when they were accepted in the honors program. Students with disabilities will continue to be given priority registration if the need for priority registration is included in their accommodation plans. Just over 200 athletes and 350 honors students received priority registration for the spring 2008 semester. Finally, the article missed one key point for getting priority registration in that in addition to significantly benefiting the university, the new policy also requires groups to "demonstrate that priority registration is necessary for the students to successfully participate in the activity and achieve their academic goals." Also, organizations cannot grant priority registration to their members; they must petition for it.

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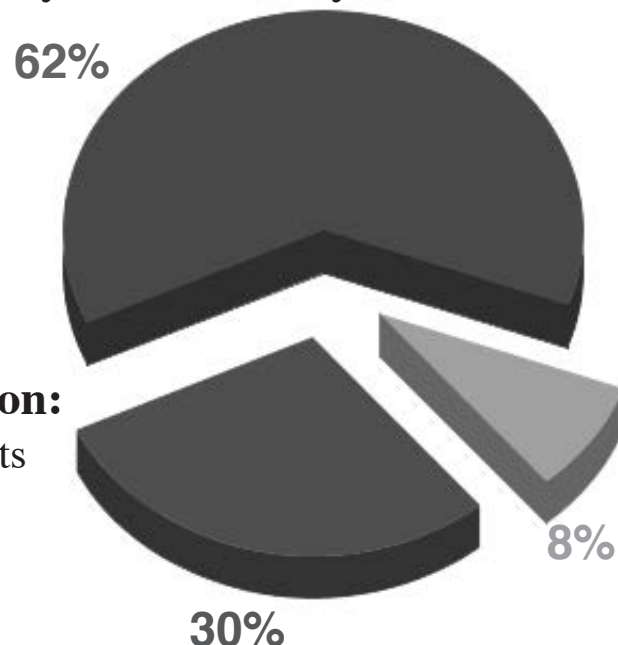
## POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

## Poll of the Week

Have you or will you sign up for the University's Connect-Ed emergency notification system?

62% - Yes  
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8% - Undecided



## Next week's question:

Do you think applicants with criminal records should be allowed to attend GCSU?

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Do you think the Connect-Ed system will be effective?



"If I'm in class, my phone will be on silent."

Andrew Shaw,  
senior, environmental science

"Yes, I have my cellphone on me at all times."

Anna Eerrier,  
sophomore, special education



"Compared to having no system at all for emergencies, this is a good idea."

Christie Keene, sophomore, history

"It will be since we use our phones so much; the cell phone is such a vital tool of communication in today's society."

Griffin Osborne,  
sophomore, exercise science



"Yes, to a certain extent, it notifies us, but won't tell us how to deal with certain situations."

Theo Collins,  
freshman, environmental science

Reported by James Odom

## The Litter Box

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I am definitely mad about the new plans for the Campus Theatre. That theatre is beautiful and I wish they would actually restore it into something like ... I don't know ... maybe a theatre? Who needs another bookstore? Boring, boring, boring. And I would definitely give my money to that theatre pretty much every week. And that bookstore? Yeah, not going there. So ... what would generate more revenue again?

I'm a model representative of all that is student.

Does anyone miss The Colonnade?

Day of the Dead: everyone's dead because they have a hang over.

The new Backstreet Boys CD is awesome!

Where was The Colonnade last week!? I had nothing to read all week long and I actually had to write two papers. Fail.

EDITOR: We were out of town. Sorry about your papers.

So, the Connect-Ed cell phone initiative sounds like a great idea. I just hope I'm not in the bottom floor of A&S or the library when something happens. I've never gotten a cell phone signal in there.

Hey people who live next door at The Village ... TAKE YOUR OWN TRASH OUT! It's just nasty, and stop your 1 a.m. parties on the weekdays, some of us have to study and go to class ... Oh, and don't throw up in the in hallway again ... Thanks.

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# Features

The Colonnade's Guide to Art and Entertainment

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Face painting was just one of the many activities that children enjoyed this past weekend at The Sweetwater Festival.

## How 'Sweet' it is...

BY MARY ZEHNER  
STAFF WRITER

The street was filled with people and the usual Saturday traffic was nonexistent. Vendors lined the sidewalks of downtown and the rumble of voices filled the air. It was as if a scene had been taken from a busy metropolis street corner. This was no typical Saturday in Milledgeville.

GCSU students, Milledgeville citizens and out-of-towners filled the streets of downtown Milledgeville, last Saturday, Nov. 3, for the fourth annual Sweetwater Festival. By 10 o'clock when the festival opened to the public, the smell of savory barbecue, funnel cakes and corn dogs wafted within a three-mile radius of downtown.

Milledgeville Mainstreet expanded the festival, blocking off most streets downtown. After entering one of the four gates into the festival, visitors were bombarded with all the sights, sounds and smells of any traditional American festival.

During the day, West Hancock Street was lined with artists, touting their wares for sale and display. Take a quick left and festival goers could partake in all sorts of kid-friendly activities including inflatables, a rock wall and a bungee jump. To the right, proud owners of vintage and specialty cars had lined the street, displaying an array of classic vehicles from Corvette's, to Bel-Airs and Mustangs. Along with standard festival gourmet like corn dogs and cheese steaks, the annual BBQ cook off was held early in the day and the chefs were selling their award winning recipes.

Even though the Sweetwater Festival lasts for only one day, it takes months of planning and preparation along with hundreds of volunteers make this yearly event possible.

"It takes a lot of people, and Sweetwater is completely a volunteer staff," says Lindsey Hornsby, executive assistant of Milledgeville Mainstreet. "We start having once a month meetings in February and are having one a week meetings by October.



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In addition to food provided by local businesses and vendors, there were climbing walls and other attractions to amuse patrons.



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JJ Zehner, left, gets ready to "jump for joy" at the bungee center, one of the many inflatables set up for children in the Kid Zone of the festival.



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

James Anderson played at the SGA Pregame Show, which gave away tickets to the festival.



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The John Butler Trio wrapped up the evening with performances of their most popular songs.

"I'm here for the music, arts and crafts, just the cool atmosphere," said Laura Tate, a freshman at Georgia Southern University. "My sister goes here and she's a junior. I've come with her the past two years, and the BBQ is my favorite part of the day, and I didn't get to eat all of it today, but it smelled really tasty."

As the day went on and the sun dipped down into horizon, the vendors began packing up their things as the crowd got ready for the John Butler Trio, the headline act of the evening.

The Hackensaw Boys, a bluegrass band from Charlottesville, opened for the Trio. The six-piece band that included a banjo and a mandolin graced the stage in a lively performance that entertained the crowd and moved some of the crowd to dance. By the end of the set, the audience was ready for the John Butler Trio to take the stage.

For the next two hours, John Butler wowed the crowd with his masterful guitar playing skills. From crowd favorites to lesser known jams, the Trio played well into the night, finishing their set with an encore that lasted until 12:30 a.m.

Once the last song played and the final musician took leave of the stage, groups of people huddled into the familiar Milledgeville bar scene. The once lively streets were littered with softly rolling plastic cups and the remnants of once floating balloons. The sounds of the concert had faded into a low hum of canned music and conversation emanating from the full bars. Sweetwater was over but the memory of the festival would live on in the minds of many, at least until next year.

*Matt Baum contributed to the reporting of this article.*



DRAKE SIMONS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

An early 70s Plymouth Barracuda was a part of the car show at the Sweetwater Festival.



# Graduate student studies sea turtles

By S. ASHLEE MOONEYHAN  
STAFF WRITER

Playing with loggerhead sea turtles, living on a pristine and remote research island for the summer, and conducting valuable conservation research—this sounds like a dream to some biology students, but for biology graduate student, Catherine McCurdy, it has become a reality.

This summer, McCurdy conducted her graduate school thesis research while working for the Sea Turtle Program on St. Catherines Island, Ga., which is located in the same chain of islands that includes Tybee Island, Cumberland Island, and St. Simons Island. These locations are common nesting places for loggerhead sea turtles (*Caretta caretta*), because of the proximity to the open waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

According to the World Wildlife Fund, loggerhead sea turtles are among the biggest marine turtles weighing up to 400 pounds, and are currently considered an endangered species.

Rather than actually “playing” with loggerhead sea turtles, McCurdy’s research had her monitoring the progress of nests, called clutches, that turtles had buried along the sand dunes of the beach. She spent many of her summer days patrolling beaches on foot or in a John Deer gator looking for new sea turtle clutches, stranded sea turtles, or evidence that juvenile sea turtles had hatched out of a nest to make their instinctual trek into the open ocean. Sometimes, when necessary, entire nests are moved so that they are located in a more ideal location which is perhaps safer or has easier access to the ocean for when the hatchlings emerge from the nest. Some hatchlings never made it out of the nest with their hundred or so siblings, so McCurdy also became an aid in getting those few stragglers out to sea. Statistically, the odds are against the survival of young sea turtles.

According to McCurdy, “the egg and hatchling stages have the lowest survivorship rates of any of the life stages of a sea turtle.”

There is no concrete evidence, but it has been suggested that only one in 500 hatchlings off the Georgia coast actually survive into adulthood. They could use all the help they can get, whether from scientists or the average person turned conservationist.

Specifically, McCurdy was looking at how sex is determined among developing sea turtle embryos in the nest. According to McCurdy, it is now known that sea turtles exhibit “temperature-dependent sex determination,” meaning that gender and the temperature of the immediate environment in and around the nest are directly related.

“The purpose of my research was to determine whether or not we’re skewing the sex ratios of hatchlings by relocating nests. There could be ecological implications for making too many males or females. Since sex is determined by environmental temperature, the different thermal characteristics of different portions of the beach could inadvertently create a sex bias,” said McCurdy.

This is important for the conservation of these animals because of how male to female ratios turn out over time. Obviously a good balance is needed for successful reproduction rates so that the turtles do not become even more endangered than they already are.

When she was not monitoring and saving turtles during the summer, McCurdy kept busy doing other notable work like assisting with management and education of Georgia public school teachers participating in a federally funded teacher quality program, and speaking at an international veterinary wildlife training program. She even received a \$5200 grant from the American Museum for Natural History to help fund her thesis research to earn her graduate degree.

It seems that McCurdy has developed a lasting relationship with St. Catherines Island and the other scientists that live and work there. She plans to return to the island next summer to continue with her sea turtle research on a larger scale before beginning her Ph.D. program.



Art Professor Valerie Aranda made an offering of incense at the altar to honor the lives of those that have passed. This is a common practice during the Day of the Dead celebration.

## Day of the Dead celebrates life

By KYLE COLLINS  
SENIOR REPORTER

The drums and festive music flow out of this gathering at Blackbridge Hall. A mob surrounds the building normally reserved for more discreet art observations.

It is Nov. 1, and everyone from students to community visitors are here to enjoy the Day of the Dead Celebration. Face paint, traditional food and themed music add to the atmosphere of this Mexican tradition.

“The face paint is nice,” Evan Williams, freshman art major, said. “I haven’t done this in awhile.”

Marketing major Carter Ray said the food makes the event that much better. Beyond the paint and candy skulls lies a more important event for participants.

A decorative altar setup seems to draw everyone’s attention. People bring pictures of deceased relatives or loved ones to place at the altar as a means to recognize and celebrate their lives.

“People from our class and the community are encouraged to make offerings for their loved ones who have departed,” Dr. Roxanne Farrar, associate professor of art, said.

Some people even brought pictures of admired figures such as Rosa Parks.

The opening of the Day of the Dead Celebration included an introduction from art students involved in the event planning.

Farrar’s comparative studies class sets up and organizes everything. The class breaks up into small groups with different responsibilities.

“We’ve been doing it for five years now and every year it gets bigger and bigger,” Farrar said. “The altar is more beautiful and we have live music this year.”

The ceremony began with an introduction to the background of the traditional Spanish event known as El Dia De Los Muertos. The crowd calmed a bit as the music stopped.

The attention turned to the altar. Smoke rose up around the area from a lighted incense used to guide the deceased back to their relatives.

The smoke was directed over each level of the altar and then around the spectators.

People could choose to accept the smoke or not participate. Those who embraced the ceremony waved their hands inviting the smoke inward.

After the smoke cleared people were encouraged to say the names of the deceased they wished to honor.

Unfortunately, most of the large crowd did not participate in this part. Whether scared or too nervous, people held back from speaking.

Some understood the Day of the Dead better than others.

“My dad passed away my junior year, so I’m here for him,” Williams said.

After the altar ceremony ended, the music cranked back up and everyone continued the fun.

Several female faculty broke out in a salsa style line dance in the middle of the crowd. They motioned for onlookers to join in, but others could not catch the vibe.

The art tank sold t-shirts and the face painting continued until the end of the event.

This year’s Day of the Dead festivities had good turnout from students and the community.

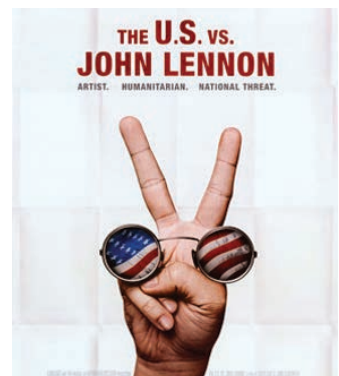
Check out the Blackbridge hall for future art exhibits and shows. Doors are always open for public viewing.



GCSU student honored a loved one at the Day of the Dead.

## Films fight The Man at Subversive Film Festival

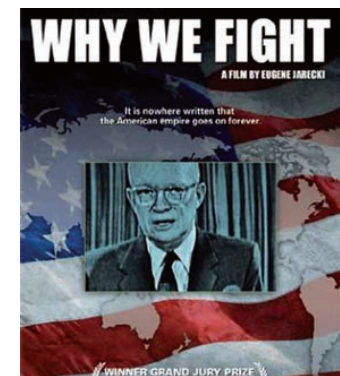
### Anti-War Night



By Salem Cook  
& Brooke Williams

Subversive: Intended or serving to subvert, especially intended to overthrow or undermine an established government.

The Subversive Film Festival was held Oct. 29 through Nov. 3 at Arts & Science Auditorium. Dr.



Jeffrey Blick and the anthropology club sponsored the event. Each night had a dedicated theme featuring movies pertaining to the subject.

“We live in a time when our liberties are being threatened,” said Blick, an associate professor of government and sociology.

“I’m worried that stu-

### (Anti-) Consumerism Night



dents today are not concerned about the fact that our civil rights and civil liberties are being eroded. (The films) are trying to get students to think about different ways our society can function.”

Students in Blick’s anthropology class, as well as Blick himself, created a list of movies they thought

suitable for the festival. When all was said and done the list was comprised of over 80 movies that were then narrowed to twelve eclectic films.

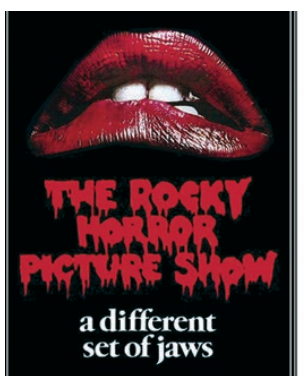
“(We) Tried to pick some that were popular, tried to pick some that were controversial, tried to pick some that were interesting, some that were new and some

### Sweet Transvestite Night



that were older,” said Blick. “The list of movies were aligned along many similar themes so I grouped them into the themed areas and picked the best movies for each one. Halloween was right in the middle of the week, so that dictated when Rocky Horror Picture Show would play.”

Although the total num-



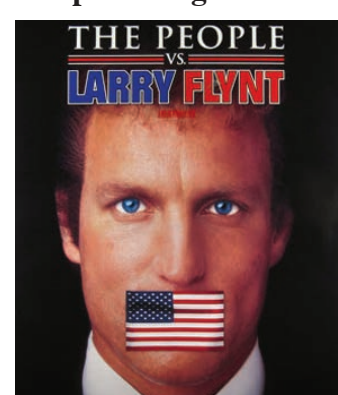
ber of attendees was not determined, Blick estimated that around 300 students attended the Subversive Film Festival.

“I was happy with it,” said Blick. “There were some nights when attendance was a little bit low, but there were other nights when attendance was higher than expected.”

### Totalitarianism Night



### Pornography & Free Speech Night



### Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Night



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# Sports

The Colonnade's Guide to Athletics and Recreation

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Section Editor, Corey Dickstein

## Young 'Cats picked fourth in PBC



FILE PHOTO

Freshman guard Marvin Harris, Jr. shows off his leaping ability in the Midnight Madness dunk contest on Oct. 15 by attempting to clear tennis coach Steve Barsby. The Bobcats get their season started Nov. 17 on the road.

BY MARY ZEHNER  
STAFF WRITER

After a successful spring season and an entertaining fall kick off, the GCSU men's basketball team is gearing up for another exciting season. The Bobcats placed second in the Peach Belt Conference Tournament last spring, finishing the season with a 19-10 record.

This year the Bobcats have been picked fourth in the pre-season PBC poll. "I'm excited about this season. I think, as a coach, any time you think you have a chance to have a good team it's exciting," said head coach Terry Sellers, who will be entering his fifteenth season with the Bobcat basketball team. "We've had a good pre-season and we have a lot of really good young men to work with. The potential is there for us to have a good season so we're all looking forward to it."

Pre-season for the men's team has been packed with practices,

scrimmages and exhibitions, finding the rhythm between new players and returning athletes. This year's team will introduce several new players including Justin Brown, Chuck Eason and Jorge Canedo-Martinez, the 6-foot 11-inch transfer student from Medellin, Columbia. The

new players are just as pumped about the season as Sellers.

"This is my first time at a university, so I've never gotten the university experience," said Brown, a transfer student from Manatee Community College. "I want to feel at home and have all that fan support. Our team gets along really well so I'm just excited to play with them."

Aaron Clark, a returning player and GCSU senior, is also looking forward to seeing how things play out between returning and new players.

### Bobcat Basketball

**Last season:**  
19-10 overall, 8-8 PBC

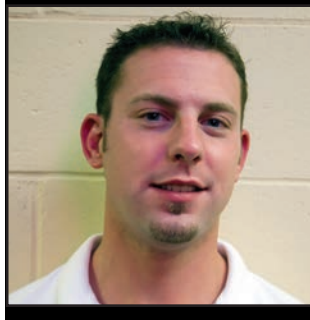
**Key departures:**  
Guard Shejdie Childs  
Forward Aaron Gibbs

**Key returning players:**  
Center Aaron Clark  
Guard Shaun Keaton

**Key arrivals:**  
Guard Chuck Eason  
Guard Justin Brown  
Center Jorge Canedo-Martinez

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## The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

### Instant replay: no place in baseball

Major League Baseball announced a feasible tragedy on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the MLB General Managers voted 25-5 in favor of bringing a limited version of instant replay into baseball. This is the first time such a recommendation has been passed by the group.

Instant replay would be available only on boundary calls, including fair or foul, whether a ball is a homerun or not, and fan interference.

Call me a traditionalist, but this is a terrible idea.

I absolutely cherish the game of baseball. Growing up it was the only thing I wanted to do or think about. I spent countless hours watching baseball and 14 plus years playing the game.

Needless to say I have seen plenty of bad calls, but instant replay is hardly the answer to bad umpiring.

Instant replay makes sense in football. The game moves so quickly and it is often very hard for referees to get in a good position to make a call.

In baseball, however, the umpires are positioned in a place where they should be able to make those calls.

One argument is that instant replay will slow down a game that is already slow. While to me that is non-factor, to the average fan it could, indeed, become a problem.

The biggest problem I have with incorporating it into baseball is that baseball is a game of tradition. It is a game that has not witnessed drastic changes over the years.

This limited instant replay opens the door to replaying more and more.

Baseball is a game that has a lot of human qualities to it, allowing machines to check calls takes some of that away.

So, come on, Major League Baseball, leave it alone and keep the game the way it is supposed to be.

At the very least, don't let instant replay trickle down the ranks to college ball. I don't want to see it at Division II games.

## Season ends with two new records

BY DANIEL TROUTMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The death of a student can bring a school and a family together. Likewise, the death of an athlete can bring a team together. John Bruner's death did both.

In a season filled with expectations of better finishes and broken records, two teams came together because of the loss of a teammate and a friend. Al Weston, the sports information director, said that after a loss like this a team could have taken two different directions.

"(The team) can either get down on (itself), not perform and use that as an excuse," Weston said, "or they can take it as a rallying point. I think they took the latter of the two."

The GCSU men's and women's cross country teams came together in the loss of Bruner and competed this season as more than just fellow runners as they have in past seasons.

"In the past we've been distant and almost cliquish," Alex Pate, a junior nursing major, said. "We were just teammates. We weren't very close friends."

Spending time in

Cross country Page 14

## Semi-finals ends soccer season

BY PRESTON SELLERS  
STAFF WRITER

The GCSU soccer team brought their season to a close on Nov. 2 in Columbus, Ga. The Bobcats played an outstanding game, but were eliminated from the Peach Belt Conference Tournament with a 1-0 loss.

Their opponents, the Columbus State University Cougars, were the best team in the conference all year, and would go on to defeat Armstrong Atlantic State University 2-1 for the conference championship. The Bobcats had just dropped a 3-0 decision to the Cougars a week earlier here at GCSU, so the close road loss showed that the Bobcats had made some adjustments and would not back down.

"It was a tough loss," junior forward Hayley Ferrell said. "We played so hard, everyone really came out and played so good. We should have won, it's tough when

you just can't quite catch the break to get the ball in the net."

Head coach Robert Parr was not with the team for the game, and head softball coach Ginger Carter Miller coached the team for this final game. Parr was suspended indefinitely, by the athletic department, after the team's first round victory over Clayton State University on Oct. 30. At this point the GCSU Athletic Department has made no comment on the situation.

Neither the loss to CSU nor the loss of Parr should detract from the season these Bobcats had. It was the best season for GCSU women's soccer so far, and since the sport was added to the varsity lineup in 2004, the program has reached several milestones.

This season saw the first home playoff game for the

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AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior midfielder Emily Norris dribbles the ball past a Columbus State defender on Oct. 27. This season was the most successful in school history.

## Four square is not for squares at GCSU

BY TIM GRAHAM  
STAFF WRITER

To many, four square is just considered to be a simple child's game played on numbers of playgrounds around the world.

To some GCSU students, it might as well be considered a gladiator game.

Four square has made a quiet, yet triumphant, comeback to GCSU. The main stage is located in the courtyard between the 400, 500 and 600 Buildings at The Village at West Campus.

Spectators can look on from their respective apartments adding to the arena-like atmosphere. On any given night, there

may be anywhere from five to 20 students out reliving a part of their childhood or possibly playing for their first time.

"It's a great way to have fun with my friends," says freshman Zach Truman. "It brings me back to my childhood memories. We're a lot older, and we take the

game more seriously, and we just want to be the best."

For those who may have forgotten, setting up and playing is simple. To begin, all you need is a ball and a square that is divided into four smaller squares.

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## THE SHORT STOP



### Upcoming Sports

**Men's Basketball:**  
Nov. 17-18 @ Greenville, Tenn.

**Women's Basketball:**  
Nov. 16-17 @ Columbus, Ga.

### GCSU Athlete of the Week



### Morgan Cobb

The sophomore defender was named this week's GCSU Athlete of the Week. Cobb helped the team record nine shutouts this season. This honor is the first for Cobb and an astounding sixth for the record-breaking Bobcat soccer team.



## Bobcat Frisbee Club proves to be ultimately expensive

BY MITCHELL DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

GCSU's Bobcat Frisbee Club, Disconnected, is competing with some of the biggest schools in the nation. More importantly, they are winning. Florida State University, the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, the University of Iowa and Emory University are just a handful of the teams that have fallen to Disconnected. These are tremendous achievements coming from such a small school, but at a remarkable cost, out of pocket, for the club players.

Last year, the club team spent approximately \$11,000 throughout their season. This money was spread over gas, hotel and camping fees, entry to tournaments, jerseys and league registration. Disconnected was given \$1,575 this year for their budget. With so much money left to account for, the club team has reached to other areas for fund raising.

A deal was worked out between the intramural department and the Bobcat Frisbee Club to benefit both organizations. Disconnected agreed to referee the intramural ultimate games for \$600.

"We act as scorekeepers for intramural (ultimate) and what we basically do is sit on the side of the field and kind of regulate the game. We're not referees but we settle any disputes, settle any questions," said Scott Murray, president of the Bobcat Frisbee Club. "You know, Ultimate is a self officiated game and they keep it that way for intramurals, but a lot of people don't know the nuances and really vague rules."

With 45 teams playing an average of six games a piece, staffing the intramural ultimate games with normal staff and supervisors would cost around \$1,350. While increasing their budget by 33 percent the club team is saving the intramural department \$850.

Intramural director Bert Rosenberger is excited about the deal worked out between the two organizations.

"It's really going to be a win win situ-



BRITTANY THOMAS / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER  
Alex Pound (in white) and Scott Murray (in red) battle for the disc at ultimate practice.

ation for us and them. It gives them a way to generate more money for their account and it gives us a way to save money that we can use in other areas of intramurals."

The first year of the Bobcat Frisbee Club was slow with the team not winning a single game. Now, Disconnected is ranked in the 70s nationally out of over 400 registered teams and competing with teams from the University of Georgia and the University of Florida which are national championship competitors.

To join the club team, Murray says to simply come out to practice.

"Once intramurals are over, we'll be practicing Tuesday through Thursday at 8 p.m. at the intramural fields."

Disconnected is selling regulation size and weight discs with the Disconnected logo on them for \$10. Contact any of the club members for information on how to purchase them.

## Four square

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After the person in the "king" square serves, the object of the game is to get to the king square by hitting the ball into one of the other squares. If one of your opponents does not return it then they are eliminated and will have to start from the bottom square again.

Beyond that, the varying rules make each and every game unique, and, in the case of the games played at GCSU, more intense.

"We make up a lot of rules. Serve rules, line rules that really wasn't covered in elementary school," says sophomore David Lazzaro, one of the students who is leading the revival. "It's really fun. It's a good activity, gets your heart rate up. The guys out here really make it competitive with all of their trash talk."

Sprained fingers and bruised egos are not

### Four Square Rules: GCSU Style

- All serves must begin from the back corner of the king square.
- Only underhand serves are allowed.
- "Out is in." - If ball hits the outside line then it is still in play.
- If the ball hits the inside line and it cannot be determined whose square it was in, the point is replayed.
- Only two serves are allowed for each point. If the server double faults then they are out.

uncommon as some players go all out when diving for balls even on the brick surface. The competitiveness is unparalleled anywhere else. Comebacks of 25-points are seen almost every night. Strategies are formed and enemies come together to take down the top dog.

I just like hanging out with my friends and showing them that I'm the best baller," exclaims freshman Charlton Ware, one of the top four square players. "I mean, look at us. We've got the best people out here, and the number one baller

always dominates."

This child's game cannot be written off as just a fad either. Like other games such as dodgeball and kickball, there are official leagues set up all around the country. The Four Square World Championships take place in Bridgton, Maine every year and it draws competitors all around the world.

So if you ever decide to come out and play, feel free to do so, just be sure to bring your A-game, as these young warriors fight for fame and fortune but mostly a good time.



TIM GRAHAM / STAFF WRITER

Four square is not just for elementary students anymore. (Left to right) David Lazzaro, Zach Zapata, Charlton Ware and Zach Truman play at The Village to bring a classic game to GCSU.

## Einstein's fall harvest items



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## Cross country

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Dalton, Ga. with Bruner's family at the funeral, however, was very meaningful to Pate and the team.

"Experiencing that with other guys ... it was huge," Pate said. "It really brought us closer together. I hate that that's what it took."

After the camaraderie shown in response to Bruner's death, Pate's performance last weekend was another defining moment in the season.

"Passing all those Clayton State guys and never looking back" was a good feeling Pate said.

Pate and others passed those runners as they finished eleventh at the NCAA South Regional tournament. The men's team had one of its best seasons in history in beating rival Clayton State University for the first time all season and coming in second among Peach Belt Conference schools behind Columbus State University.

"As we saw at Regionals this past weekend we were only 17 points behind Columbus State," Pate said. "I believe we could have taken the whole conference."

Seniors Rich Dobson and Michael Hague, two of the Bobcat's top-five runners this season, ran their last race for GCSU at Regionals. The loss of those runners will be a blow to the team. Dobson was a walk-on athlete for the Bobcats whose hard work elevated him to All-PBC Honors the past two years and the role of GCSU's top men's runner.

"It's going to be really hard to lose Rich Dobson's leadership," Pate said. "He set the standard high."



DEVIN VERNICK / SENIOR REPORTER

Bobcat harriers (left to right) junior Alex Pat, senior Rich Dobson, and sophomore Josh Hollar lead the way at the Peach Belt Conference Meet on Oct. 20.

The Bobcats' depth will not leave them at the back of the pack though in conference competition for next season.

"I believe with the depth we have we're going to be even better next year," Pate said.

For the women's side, the Lady Bobcats finished fifteenth at the Regional Tournament. The women's team also finished third among conference teams: the best conference finish in school history.

The prominent story line of the season was Bonnie Ueltzen, a sophomore physical education major, breaking the 6K record time twice, most recently by 21 seconds at Regionals. Ueltzen now holds the first and second-best times in school history for the 6K.

"It was a surprise to me," Ueltzen said. "I didn't know I was going to be able to run like that (this weekend)."

Ueltzen's performance was no surprise much like

the Lady Bobcats success this past season, which showed in their efforts and times, but not always in their rankings due to increased competition in the conference.

"Our team did a lot better compared to last year," Ueltzen said. "Our ranking may look the same but we've gotten a lot better."

Senior leadership was integral in their improvement and the departure of seniors Kellie Hughes, Patricia Dedrick, Jen Keeton, Becky Kellum and Julie Mitchell will be felt by Ueltzen and other team members.

"This is the best senior group ever," Ueltzen said. "It's going to be tough to see them go, but they've done a great job being leaders on the team."

The cross-country teams finished their season last weekend and will begin training next semester on their club track team for the fall 2008 semester.

## Basketball

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"Getting that chemistry takes time but it's still really exciting," said Clark.

As for stand-out players this season, Sellers says that instead of a few stand-outs, having a deep team and relying on returning players will help give the Bobcats an advantage on the court.

Return players, like Clark have quite a reputation to live up to this season. Clark was named All Conference Player at the end of last season and was also named a Pre-Season All Conference Player this year as well as being the leading scorer for the team. Junior Shaun Keaton will also be returning after leading the team in free-throws last year and finishing second in steals.

"Those players who contributed to last season, those are the guys we're counting on pretty heavily," says Sellers. "I'm hoping our team will develop and we'll

have a deeper team than we have in the past. Being able to have more players able to step in."

Brown echoes the coaches hopes, saying that this years team has enough players who play the same position to be able to give tired players a break during games.

As for pre-season, aside from traditional conditioning, Brown says that Sellers has been focusing on team unity and free throws.

"This is my first year, so I'm getting to know the plays. Other people have been here for years so I'm still getting used to the plays," says Brown. "Free throws are also a big thing. Coach (Sellers) is making us do a lot of free throws. Like at the end of practice we do 100 free throws before we leave. At some of our past scrimmages, it's worked. We've been shooting better than the other team."

The Bobcats play their first conference game at home in the Centennial Center on Nov. 28 when they host Clayton State University.

## Soccer

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Britni Emerson, Jessica McGinnis, Alex Stover and Emily Norris will all be missed.

However, with several freshmen and sophomores playing vital roles on this team, GCSU women's soccer has nothing but good things to look forward to next season and beyond. The Bobcats will return their leading scorer, Ferrell, the team leader in assists, sophomore Jamie Nevin, and perhaps the best freshman class in the PBC.

Practice for the team will continue until final exams, and then the team will get a well-deserved break for the holidays. The team will say their goodbyes to the seniors, and think about what they have accomplished this season.

When practice resumes in preparation for the 2008 season, one thing is for sure: these Bobcats will be hungry for more.

"We are already really excited about next year," Ferrell said. "We did so good this year that we really feel we can improve even more."

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Friday, November 9- Thursday,  
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## Friday, November 9

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. GEICO Campus Interviews Resume Deadline,  
The Career Center

## Saturday, November 10

## Sunday, November 11

## Monday, November 12

4 p.m. Art as an Agent for Change Meeting, Lanier 211  
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Fall Seminar Series: Bird Evolution and Anatomy of  
Dinosaurs, Herty 250  
7:30 p.m. Faculty Recital: Lisa Bartholow, Flue, Maureen  
Horgan, Trombone, and Richard Mercier, Piano, Max  
Noah Recital Hall

## Tuesday, November 13

7 p.m. STAND Meeting, Chapell 105  
8 p.m. BCM: Synergy, Magnolia Ballroom

## Wednesday, November 14

12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting, Atkinson Hall 107  
5:00 p.m. BSA Meeting, MSU Lounge  
7 p.m. Wesley House, MSU Lounge  
8 p.m. Play: "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare,  
Russell Auditorium  
8:30 p.m. International Club Meeting, A&S 2-72

## Thursday, November 15

7 p.m. John H. Lounsbury Cohort Applicant Meeting for  
Undergraduate 2008 Cohorts, Peabody Auditorium  
7 p.m. Christian Life, Dogwood Room, SAC  
8 p.m. Play: "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare, Russell  
Auditorium

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**Q+A** FROM SGA  
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**SGA**  
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## What is GCSU doing to improve internet speeds?

The internet has become an imperative part of everyone's life especially the lives of most college students. With the popularity of social websites like Facebook and Myspace, our dependence on the prominent form of communication such as Mycats and Gmail, and the entertainment of YouTube, instant messenger, and even Xbox Live, students depend on internet more than life itself. So if internet is so important to college students, why in the world is the internet so darn slow?

Believe it or not, SGA and the administration of GCSU have placed this problem on the top of their "Things to do List." Students, faculty, staff and administration are constantly asking anybody who will listen, "Why is our internet slower than Christmas?" Internet speeds within the Residence Halls and West Campus are currently slower than they were back in August. Throughout the summer, some internet users at GCSU experienced broadband speeds up to 60Mb/sec. Today, internet speeds on Central and West campus average around 10Mb/sec.

What happened? When

will it be fixed? Who's to blame for this life-altering Armageddon? Well, money is the man in charge, and also the reason for our currently poor internet speeds. Earlier this semester, Peachnet, the internet service provided for University Housing, opened the floodgates for GCSU students and got them used to amazingly quick broadband speeds. Within the later part of September, Peachnet decided that University Housing was receiving faster speeds than they were paying for and karate-chopped the speeds back down to 10Mb/sec. This is where we currently stand. However, SGA and IT for GCSU are working to fix the problem.

SGA submitted a proposal to the Student Technology Fee Advising Group (STFG) a few weeks ago, asking for a rather large amount of money to pay Peachnet for an increase in internet speeds. This coming Friday, Nov. 9, the STFG will vote on whether or not this proposal, one of numerous student and faculty submitted proposals, will receive the funds to increase internet speeds across Central and West Campus. SGA will push as hard for the proposal as they can, considering

that faster internet speeds are something that many students are yelling for.

The best thing that could happen is that the STFG approves the proposal and internet speeds are increased to an average of 40Mb/sec by the end of the semester. The worst thing that could happen is that the proposal is denied, and internet speeds will stay the same, 10Mb/sec, for the rest of the academic year. However, a long-term solution has already been considered. Next year, through the funding of University Housing and Student Technology Fees, Central and West Campus internet speeds will maintain an average of 40Mb/sec. This internet speed would be one of, if not the quickest internet speed within the surrounding area. Unfortunately, the new speeds would not come across your computer until August of 2008.

None the less, SGA has listened to your concerns and is doing all they can to make the change. For updates on this situation, email SGA President [ryan\\_greene@ecats.gcsu.edu](mailto:ryan_greene@ecats.gcsu.edu) or go to the SGA website at <http://sga.gcsu.edu>.



## THE COLONNADE

# Public Safety Report



## Malfunctioning ATM

On Oct. 31, 2007 at approximately 10:51 p.m., a male student reported that he attempted to withdraw money from the Mid South ATM at MSU. The machine printed a receipt, but did not give him his money. He was advised to go to Mid South to get his money back.

## Paintballs attacks and injures

On Oct. 31, 2007 at approximately 11:21 p.m., three female students reported being struck by paint balls while walking near Lot # 29. There was visible bruising to the wounded areas. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler to review the video cameras.

## Alcohol scare alerts parents

On Nov. 1, 2007 at approximately 1:48 a.m., Milledgeville Police Department was dispatched to The Grove apartments in reference to an intoxicated female. EMS responded to the scene and transported the female to Oconee Regional Medical Center due to her being intoxicated and unconscious. At 3:30 a.m., Detective Butler went to the hospital to check on the female and nursing staff advised they were not able to identify the female due to her intoxication. Detective Butler was able to contact persons in housing that were able to identify the female. Her parents were contacted by phone and at 11:45 a.m., Detective Butler met with the parents at The Grove Apartments. The case has been turned over to Milledgeville Police Department.

## False information and runaway leads to trouble

On Nov. 3, 2007 at approximately 10:24 p.m., Officer Reonas observed a male and two females walking on North Clarke Street. He observed the male had two bottles of beer in his hands. When the officer attempted to make contact, the male subject ran. Officer Reonas attempted to pursue the subject, but lost sight of him near the Liberty House. Officer Reonas returned to Clarke Street and made contact with one of the females, who asserted that she just met the person thought he lived on Doles Boulevard. Officer Reonas went to the Liberty House and spoke with the occupants, who gave permission to check the apartment. Inside the apartment were several pictures of the female and the male

suspects together. The roommates suggested that the two were in a relationship. A state warrant was taken out on the male for Underage Possession of Alcohol and Obstruction of an Officer. A Student Judiciary review was filed on the female for giving false information to police.

## Dirty mouth

On Nov. 4, 2007 at approximately 12:11 a.m., Officer Smith was dispatched to an emergency call box activation at Clarke and Greene streets. Contact was made with two males. While the officer was trying to speak with one of the males, the other male began yelling profanities at the officer. When asked to keep quiet, he began yelling more profanities. While speaking with the suspect, Officer Smith could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person and also noticed he had slurred speech. When asked for ID, the suspect produced a drivers' license for another person. He was arrested and transported to Milledgeville PD and charged with Disorderly Conduct, Underage Possession of Alcohol and Unlawful Use of Drivers License.

## Firefighters save the day

On Nov. 4, 2007 at approximately 1:06 a.m. while on patrol, Officer Reonas observed smoke and flames coming from the pine straw and bushes at the BB&T Bank on Greene Street. The Fire Department responded and put out the fire. The source of the fire is unknown.

## College rivalry takes a new level

On Nov. 6, 2007 at approximately 4:37 p.m., a female reported that unknown person(s) removed her Georgia tire cover from her vehicle while it was parked in Foundation lot and replaced it with a Florida tire cover. The incident occurred between Nov. 1 and Nov. 3. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

## Convenient Amnesia

On Nov. 7, 2007 at approximately 1:53 a.m., Officer Smith observed a male knocking over barricades on Wilkinson Street. When asked why he was doing that, the male replied that he was too drunk to remember. He was issued a citation for Public Drunk and released from the scene.

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